

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** 14215369Tmu.jpg

**Other known title(s):** Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 1001821.012

**Medium:** Computer Image File Printout

**Publisher:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** Not applicable

**Applicant:** Commissioner of Police

<b>Classification:</b>	Objectionable.
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**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 25 January 2011

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The image is of a young girl posed in lingerie to give a focus to her genital area. The file is a visual record of sexual exploitation. Its purpose is to arouse adults with a sexual interest in children. The availability of the image is likely to encourage this sexual interest and perpetuate the idea that children may be used for adult sexual gratification. The effect is to encourage the sexual exploitation of children.

The classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.